

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— In the light of that observation may I request the Government to seriously consider the question of introducing that system here?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— I think that this is a matter which the committee can decide for itself.

Appointment—Tahsildars.

182. Mr. K. Ayyappan:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) is not Survey Training a highly necessary qualification for appointment as Tahsildar;

(b) how many persons, lacking in this qualification, have been appointed as Tahsildar or Deputy Tahsildar during the years 1109 and 1110?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— (a) Survey training is one of the qualifications necessary for appointment as Tahsildar.

(b) Three.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— (b) May I know why?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— There are only three Tahsildars. That is the reply given here.

Mr. President:— What the Hon'ble Member wants to know is why you made those exemptions.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— There are two qualifications necessary for Tahsildars—Revenue and Account Tests—and they should also be graduates. I think Standing Order 4 gives power to Government to order short term appointments even though these people have not undergone survey training. It was a short term appointment and they were also senior to others.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— My question is what is the particular considerations for this deviation from the general practice and rule?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— There were two considerations. The appointment was for a short term and the persons recommended by the head of Department were junior to those appointed.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:— What are the other qualifications necessary?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— They must have passed Revenue and Account Tests.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:— Is there any other qualifications?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Survey Training qualifications.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty:— Is there any other qualifications according to the Standing Orders?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— These are the three.

Mr. V. K. Krishnakutty:— Should he not be a Revenue Inspector for three years previous to his appointment as Tahsildar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— The S. O. does not say so.

Mr. V. K. Krishnakutty:— Is the Government sure?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— So far as I know Appendix I lays down the lowest qualification.

Mr. V. K. Krishnakutty:— Has there been an amendment to the S. O.?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— There was an order dated 20th May 1931. It says that no person will be eligible for the Tahsildar's post unless he has served for three years as Revenue Inspector.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Who are the gentlemen appointed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Messrs. L. Madhava Panikkar, T. R. Subramania Ayyar and T. V. Rama Ayyar.

Mr. K. Ayyappa:— Can the Government change Standing Orders by passing orders similar to the one already mentioned?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Government have power.

Mr. K. Ayyappa:— Is that order as good as the Standing Order?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— It is a matter of opinion. I think that order forms part of the Standing Order. I referred to Standing Order 4 which gives power to Government to exempt people.

Mr. K. Ayyappa:— Were there candidates with the necessary qualifications under the Standing Orders and other orders?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— There were three clerks in my department who had passed both the Revenue and Departmental tests.

Mr. K. Ayyappa:— Did not the Diwan Peishkar recommend one of the candidates having all these qualifications?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— I recommended three of them.

Mr. K. Ayyappa:— Why did not the Government appoint them?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— Apparently Government did not accept my recommendations, but they appointed those who were seniors.

Mr. V. K. Krishnakutty:— Have persons not exempted been appointed subsequent to this?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— These are the only three people.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know who among the Government is responsible for the rejection of the recommendation of the Revenue Member?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— It was Government.